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1. COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED REFTEL WILL NOT MEET OUR NEEDS. TO ENSURE SURVIVAL USG EXCHANGE PROGRAMS POST MUST MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO MEET PRESIDENCY'S GREATEST PERCEIVED NEED, I.E. TRAINED INTERPRETER/TRANSLATORS. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT A) FIND FALLOUT AND/OR FY-76 FUNDING FOR ONE OR PREFERABLY TWO NEW STUDENT GRANTS, B) INFORM NAOUSSI AND EPEE THAT THEY MUST COMPLETE TRANSLATION CERTIFICATES BEFORE RETURNING TO CAMEROON, C) DETERMINE ADMISIBILITY TO GEORGETOWN OF NEW CANDIDATES IN CASE GURC ITSELF SHOULD PROVIDE FUNDING.
 2. AS DEPARTMENT FULLY AWARE GURC ATTACHES HIGHEST PRIORITY TO INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR PROGRAM. MOST RECENT EXPRESSION OF GREAT INTEREST AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GURC CAME FROM MINISTER SENGAT KUO IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DURING DINNER FOR ASST SECRETARY DAVIS. AS DEPARTMENT ALSO AWARE POST BELIEVES PROGRAM ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF OTHER VERY PROMISING EXCHANGES. IF WE REFUSE TO TRAIN INTERPRETER/TRANSLATORS, WE RUN STRONG RISK OF REFUSAL FOR PROGRAMS TO WHICH WE AND DEPT ATTACH HIGH IMPORTANCE.
 3. ONE OR TWO NEW STUDENT GRANTS WILL DEMONSTRATE POST'S
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GOOD FAITH IN CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM WHICH HAS LONG

HISTORY, AHIDJO-KENNEDY NAME, AND MEETS NEEDS OF GURC.
BECAUSE OF OUR RESPONSIVENESS ON INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR
PROGRAM WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN WINNING PRESIDENCY
SUPPORT FOR POST AND DEPARTMENT'S SHARED GOAL OF BROAD-
ENING EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE.
WE DO NOT WISH TO COMPROMISE THAT SUPPORT.

4. WHEN NAOUSSI AND EPEE COMPLETE TRANSLATION CERTIFICATES
AND RETURN TO WORK AT PRESIDENCY NEED FOR INTERPRETER/
TRANSLATORS WILL BE REDUCED AND POST INVESTMENT THEIR
EDUCATION WILL BE BENEFICIAL. IF THEY RETURN WITHOUT
TRANSLATION CERTIFICATES, POST INVESTMENT WILL BE LOST.

5. GURC UNABLE FUND EXTENSION FOUR PRESENT STUDENTS WHO
HAVE NOT COMPLETED MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO
GURC CIVIL SERVICE. POSSIBILITY OF GURC FUNDING OF NEW
STUDENTS IS SMALL, BUT THE DOOR SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN.
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE GURC COST-SHARING
THIS PROGRAM.

6. CONFIRM ACTION REQUESTED PARA 1 BEING UNDERTAKEN.
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